AIDS cases reported from Kerala

1309. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS cases reported from Kerala during the last year and so far in the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that many people are infected from the Kottayam Medical College Hospital from a patient due to negligence of authorities during this period;

(c) whether Government propose to bring in legislation for making production of medical certificate, stating that the visitor is not infected by AIDS, mandatory for all those who come to India including non-resident Indians; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) UP to 31st January, 1989, one case of AIDS has been reported from Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has issued necessary instructions that all foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India shall be subjected to AIDS test. However, foreigners working in various missions whether enjoying diplomatic status or not, and foreign journalists accredited to the PIB, will not be subjected to AIDS test.

Prosecution of sellers/manufacturers of Adulterated food in Delhi

1310. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sellers and manufacturers of adulterated food articles prosecuted in Delhi during 1988;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up one more vigilance department to check the adulteration at manufacturing point; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) During the year 1988 the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department of Delhi Administration launched 202 prosecution cases under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act involving a total of 375 persons.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under the consideration of Delhi Administration.

Non-implementation of Supreme Court's directive regarding pension to armed forces personnel

1311. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had not implemented the Supreme Court directive of 1982 to give benefits of liberalised pension rules to armed forces pensioners; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing "same rank same pension" for ex-servicement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of certico steriods

1312. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of certico steriods in bulk imported during 1988; and